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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Amended) Method for screening a compound for an effect on the ability of a protein to transport organic anions, wherein the protein is selected from:

(A) a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO 2, or

(B) a protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO 2, to which at least one ~~amine~~amino acid residue has been deleted, substituted or added such that the protein has at least 90% homology to SEQ ID NO 2.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the protein comprising SEQ ID NO 2 is ~~derived~~isolated from a human.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO 2 is ~~derived~~isolated from kidneys.